



# GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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1 AN ACT relating to the Legislative Research Commission.

2 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3 ➔ Section 1. KRS 7.090 is amended to read as follows:

4 (1) There is created a Legislative Research Commission as an independent agency in  
5 the legislative branch of state government, which is exempt from control by the  
6 executive branch and from reorganization by the Governor. The Commission shall  
7 have the duties, responsibilities, and powers assigned to it or authorized it by the  
8 General Assembly, by statute or otherwise.

9 (2) The Legislative Research Commission shall be composed of the President of the  
10 Senate, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of  
11 Representatives, the Speaker Pro Tempore of the House of Representatives, the  
12 majority and minority floor leaders of the Senate and the House of Representatives,  
13 the majority and minority whips of the Senate, the majority and minority whips of  
14 the House, and the majority and minority caucus chairs~~chairmen~~ of the Senate and  
15 House of Representatives. Any vacancy in the Commission shall be filled by the  
16 remaining members~~thereof~~ who are of the same chamber membership and  
17 political party affiliation as the person having vacated Commission membership. If  
18 the vacancy is in the membership of the House of Representatives, the successor  
19 shall be from the House, and if the vacancy is from the Senate membership of the  
20 Commission, the successor shall be from the Senate. A member~~thus~~ elected to fill  
21 any vacancy shall hold office for the unexpired term of his or her predecessor. The  
22 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall serve  
23 as co-chairs~~co-chairmen~~ of the Commission.

24 (3) The Legislative Research Commission shall meet during regular and special  
25 sessions of the General Assembly, and during the intervals between sessions at such  
26 times and places as the co-chairs~~co-chairmen~~ may determine. Meetings of the  
27 Commission shall be called by the co-chairs~~co-chairmen~~ on their own initiative,

or at the written request of any three (3) members of the Commission. Any action of the Commission shall require an affirmative roll call vote of a majority of the Commission's entire membership. For attending meetings of the Commission or any of its subcommittees whose membership consists only of members of the Commission between sessions of the General Assembly, the members of the Commission shall be paid their necessary traveling expenses and in addition thereto an amount per day equal to the per diem compensation they receive during any session. For attending meetings of interim joint committees or other Commission subcommittees, members of the Commission shall be paid an amount per day equal to that received by all other members of the committees or subcommittees who are not designated as chairs or co-chairs~~[chairmen or co-chairmen thereof]~~.

- (4) The Commission shall appoint a director, who shall be a person who has demonstrated exemplary moral and ethical leadership while holding a significant leadership position in business, government, military service, or a nonprofit organization or charity~~[have had graduate training in government in a recognized university or college or practical experience in governmental administration]~~, and who shall hold office at the pleasure of the Commission. The salary of the director shall be determined by the Commission. The Commission shall have exclusive jurisdiction over the employment of~~[such]~~ personnel~~[as may be]~~ necessary to effectuate the provisions of KRS 7.090 to 7.110.

- (5) Any professional, clerical, or other employees required by any committee appointed by the General Assembly shall be provided to the committee by the Legislative Research Commission. The chair~~[chairman]~~ of the committee shall advise the director of the Legislative Research Commission of his or her need for personnel. In the event that the personnel required by any committee cannot be met by the staff of the Legislative Research Commission, the director shall employ personnel as necessary to meet the needs of the committee, and shall fix the rate of compensation

1 of the employees.

2 (6) The director shall, at the discretion of the Commission and under its supervision  
3 and control, provide for the:

4 (a) Allocation of the work and activities of all employees of the Commission;  
5 and

6 (b) Implementation of a work-related incentive program for employees of the  
7 Commission using an employee suggestion system. Employees may be  
8 recognized and rewarded for submitting suggestions that result in the  
9 improvement of services or in the realization of financial savings by the  
10 legislative branch. When an employee suggestion has been adopted and  
11 resulted in financial savings to the legislative branch of government, the  
12 employee who submitted the suggestion may be compensated through a  
13 cash bonus in an amount that is the lesser of ten percent (10%) of the  
14 amount saved or two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500).

15 (7) The Commission may, in effectuating the provisions of KRS 7.090 to 7.110,  
16 contract with any public or private agency or educational institution or any  
17 individual for research studies, the gathering of information, or the printing and  
18 publication of its reports.

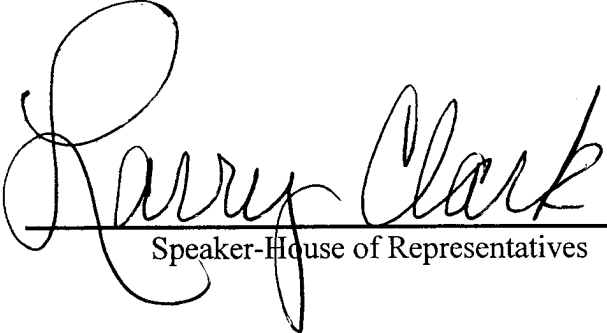
19 (8) The Legislative Research Commission shall constitute administrative offices for the  
20 General Assembly and the director shall serve as administrative officer for the  
21 assembly when it is not otherwise in session.

22 (9) A Senate bill may be pre-filed or approved as pre-filed by an interim joint  
23 committee if it receives the affirmative votes of a majority of the Senate members  
24 of that interim joint committee. A House of Representatives bill may be pre-filed or  
25 approved as pre-filed by an interim joint committee if it receives the affirmative  
26 votes of a majority of the House members of that interim joint committee. An  
27 interim joint committee shall not pre-file a bill or approve a bill as pre-filed in any

1 other manner.

2 (10) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall  
3 have the authority to approve the in-state and out-of-state per diem and expenses for  
4 members of their respective chambers.

5 (11) The Legislative Research Commission shall display the national motto "In God We  
6 Trust" ~~{on the wall }~~directly above and behind the chairman or chairwoman in  
7 each committee room used by members of the General Assembly in the Capitol  
8 and Capitol Annex and behind the dais of the Speaker of the House of  
9 Representatives and the President of the Senate. The display shall be consistent  
10 with the historic and patriotic display of the national motto located directly above  
11 and behind the dais of the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives.

  
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Speaker-House of Representatives

  
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President of Senate

Attest:   
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Chief Clerk of House of Representatives

Approved   
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Governor

Date 4/10/14